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"You don't seem to understand, sir/' the worthy Lyon, my teacher, used often to say to me, "that certain words are made to go with others; between them there exist certain relationships that must not be changed."

"I can't help it, dear teacher, but for words too I am a firm believer in the virtue of bad company."

Let us mistrust "foregrounds"; everything that seems to us big in them changes rapidly.

Sometimes we realize that certain bad characteristics we had found in others are just what we lack to succeed as they do in life. On such days certain qualities we had found in ourselves cease to seem so good. Whereupon we decide to think that they stand in our way and work to our detriment and to the great advantage of others, while the bad characteristics are prejudicial only to others.

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But Nietzscheism is like a road that seems to us all the more beautiful because we'don't very well know where it leads.

That need of nobility which makes Nietzsche, after twenty-six, still prefer Schiller to Goethe. — Prefer? Perhaps it is a bit risky to say this — but at least he quotes Schiller and not Goethe.

"Kampfen wir, und wenn es geht, nicht fiir WindmiMen. Deriken wit an den Kampf und die Askese wahrhaft grosser Manner, an Schopenhauer, Schiller, Wagner?' (Correspondence,* Vol. I, p. IK).) [1S]

It is just because it is very difficult (if not impossible) to reduce Nietzscheism to a system — that we shall not get over it easily.

Creusa or Lot's wife;" one tarries and the other looks back, which is

a worse way of tarrying.

It is also Ariadne who, after he has killed the Minotaur, makes Theseus return to the point from which he started.

[15] "Let us do batde, and if possible, not for windmills. Let us thfcik of the struggle and the asceticism of the truly great, of Schopenhauer, Schiller, Wagner!"

[14] Creusa, the daughter of Priam and Hecuba and first wife of ^Eneas, delayed as she left the burning city of Troy and disappeared iix tihe Bamesj Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt when she looked back at the destractkm of Sodom.